

Unit 10 - Basic Nursing Skills

Terminology

1. **Afebrile** - without a fever
2. **Axillary** - armpit
3. **Calibrated** - marked with graduations; standard measure on thermometers or graduate.
4. **Dehydration** - condition in which fluid output is greater than fluid intake.
5. **Diastolic pressure** - pressure in the arteries when the heart is at rest
6. **Edema** - excessive collection of fluid in the tissues; swelling
7. **Fahrenheit** - a measure of heat; scale used to express temperature
8. **Febrile** - having a fever
9. **Hyperthermia** - a greatly elevated temperature
10. **Hypothermia** - a body temperature of 95 degrees F or below
11. **Metric system** - system of weight and measures based on the meter, with all units based on the power of 10.
12. **Systolic pressure** - pressure in the arteries when the heart contracts.
13. **Tympanic Thermometer** - electronic probe used in the ear; may be set to determine oral, rectal, and surface temperatures.